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SUBJECT: MBFR DATA SUPPORT SUBGROUP MEETING 9 AUGUST

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1. MBFR DATA SUPPORT SUBGROUP HELD ITS FIRST MEETING SINCE FEBRUARY ON MORNING OF 9 AUGUST. MEETING, WHICH WAS SPARSELY ATTENDED (ONLY FRG, NETHERLANDS AND U.S.), FOCUSED ON DATA SUPPORT WORK PROGRAM AND WARSAW PACT AND NATO DATA SITUATION.

2. WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES DATA. CHAIRMAN INFORMED SUB-GROUP THAT AC/276-WP(73)4, DATA ON WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES, IS BEING REVISED TO END-1972 BASED ON LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN MC161/73. MBFR WORKING GROUP HAS SET TARGET DATE OF AUGUST 30 FOR COMPLETION OF UPDATED WP(73)4; CHAIRMAN SAID MBFR STAFF GROUP EXPECTS TO MEET AUGUST 30 DATE AND REVISIONS SHOULD BE MINOR. SUBGROUP WAS ALSO ALERTED TO SPECIAL MEETING OF INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER TO RESOLVE DISPUTED WARSAW PACT TO&E QUESTIONS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS CONFERENCE SOME SIGNIFICANT
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CHANGES TO WP(73)4 WILL HAVE TO BE MADE.

3. NATO GROUND FORCES DATA. CHAIRMAN GAVE RUN DOWN ON STATUS OF NATIONAL INPUTS WITH END-1972 DATA TO NATO FORCE

PLANNING DATA BASE CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR MBFR PURPOSES. SOME TEN COUNTRIES HAVE MADE NATIONAL INPUTS, INCLUDING US WHOSE INPUT IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH NATO FORMAT. THE DATA INPUT FROM FIVE COUNTRIES (CANADA, DENMARK, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, UK) HAS BEEN PROCESSED AND COMPUTERIZED AND STANDARD LAND FORCES FORMATS HAVE BEEN FILLED-IN. MBFR STAFF GROUP IS AWAITING NATIONAL APPROVAL BEFORE CIRCULATING FILLED-IN STANDARD LAND FORCES FORMATS. THE INPUT DATA FROM FIVE COUNTRIES (FRG, GREECE, ITALY, NORWAY AND U.S.) IS EITHER BEING PROCESSED OR PROCESSING WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST. IN IS VIEW, US INPUT IS NOT COMPLETE (SEE USNATO 3715). BELGIUM HAS NOW REVISED THE DUE DATE FOR ITS PROMISED INPUT TO END-AUGUST. TURKEY HAS NOT YET INDICATED WHEN ITS REPLY WILL BE AVAILABLE AND THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A RESPONSE FROM PORTUGAL IN REGARD TO THE NATO COMPUTERIZED DATA BASE. MBFR DATA SUBGROUP HAS SET TARGET DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30 FOR COMPLETION OF LAND FORCES DATA FOR NATO FORCES. THIS MEANS NATIONAL INPUT MUST BE AVAILABLE AT NATO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WELL BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30 DATE IN ORDER FOR STAFF GROUP/IS TO PROCESS AND COMPUTERIZE INPUT DATA. HENCE, CHAIRMAN STRESSED THAT MBFR STAFF GROUP WORK PROGRAM WOULD BE GUIDED BY AVAILABILITY OF NATIONAL INPUTS AND TIMELY NATIONAL COOPERATION IN ANSWERING QUERIES FROM STAFF GROUP AND IS ON NATIONAL INPUTS.

4. AIR FORCE DATA. CHAIRMAN TOLD SUBGROUP THAT STAFF GROUP IN COOPERATION WITH TACAIR SUBGROUP HAD WORKED OUT A FORMAT FOR NATO COMBAT AIR FORCES DATA (FOR END-1972) FOR MBFR. TARGET DATE FOR FILLING IN AIR FORCE DATA IS ALSO SEPTEMBER 30; STAFF GROUP ANTICIPATES MEETING SEPTEMBER 30 DEADLINE AS THEY CAN COMPLETE PROPOSED AIR FORCE FORMAT FOR MBFR FROM ON-HAND DATA (DPQ'S, ORBAT, NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE, ETC). IF FEASIBLE, A SIMILAR FORMAT FOR WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES WILL ALSO BE FILLED-IN.

4. NEXT MEETING. DATE OF NEXT MEETING WAS LEFT OPEN.
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